
BLUES NEWS



HALLAM F.C.

Versus

SHEFF. WED XI

Pre Season Friendly

Tuesday July 14th 1998

at Sandygate

k.o. 8.00pm

Official Programme 20p

===== SQUADS =====

HALLAM V SHEFF WED

Andy SHARMAN ①	Stuart JONES
Guy GLOVER ②	Derek GEARY
Jimmy PEARSON ③	Kevin NICHOLSON
John HARKER ④	Alan QUINN
Andy TIBBENHAM ⑤	Steve HASLAM
Craig WORSFOLD ⑥	Chris KING
Jason SWANN ⑦	David BILLINGTON
Mick GODDARD ⑧	Kris KOTYLO
Ian COE ⑨	Junior AGOGO
Danny CAMPBELL ⑩	Ritchie HUMPHREYS
Rob KERR ⑪⑪	Mark McKEEVER
Dean BRADFORD ⑫⑫	Scott OAKES
Mick FLETCHER ⑬⑬	Jody WAINWRIGHT
Gary SLACK ⑭⑭	Mark PLATTS
Steve HANNAY ⑮⑮	Lee BRISCOE
Julian PARRAMORE ⑯⑯	

VISITORS

Last season was a traumatic campaign for the league's fifth oldest club as they narrowly avoided relegation from the Premiership. A heavy defeat at Old Trafford in early November left the Owls bottom of the division and saw the end of David Pleat's Hillsborough tenure. It was Ron Atkinson who took over the reins with a simple brief to save the Owls from relegation. Three straight wins lifted the Owls out of trouble but a run of poor form, particularly away from home, meant it wasn't until a win at Everton in Wednesday's penultimate away game that safety was assured. It was generally expected that Atkinson would remain for another season -but it was not to be! The long search for a new manager saw the Owls linked with several foreign names (including a Scotsman!) but the eventual appointment came from a little closer to home as prodigal son Danny Wilson returned with the task of waking the sleeping giant.



NOTES

This evening we welcome to Sandygate Albert Phelan and his Sheffield Wednesday side for the first warm up game of the 1998-99 season. It's expected that the Owls will field a mixed side this evening which is likely to contain the backbone of last season's highly successful F.A.Premier Youth side, who won the Northern Conference of the short lived competition. This side contained the highly rated keeper Jody Wainwright, England Youth International Steve Haslam & the emerging Eire Youth International Alan Quinn, the latter of whom made a brief sub appearance for the first team at Goodison Park near the end of last season. These three players plus the likes of Peter Holmes, Kevin Nicholson & Derek Geary should be the nucleus of the Owls last ever season in the Central League . As far as Hallam are concerned manager Kenny Johnson has retained the majority of last season's squad and will be looking for more consistency from his side after the disappointing form showed in 97-8, which saw the Blues start disastrously and then spend the remainder of the campaign trying to move away from the foot of the table.

WE'VE MET BEFORE

Over the last one hundred and thirty years the Owls and Hallam have met on numerous occasions in a wide variety of competitions starting with a 2-0 win for Wednesday in a Sheffield Challenge Cup tie back in January 1878. The following season the Blues earned their one and only win over the Owls at first team level when registering a 3-0 Sandygate scoreline in the same competition, while after the Owls turned pro in 1887, meetings tended to involve Wednesday's reserve side in local league football. Since the 1960's, meetings have been confined to friendly encounters beginning in April 1964 when the Owls won 6-4 at Sandygate in a match to celebrate the opening of Hallam's new pavilion. Since then the teams have met as below :

17/09/76	Hallam 0	Sheff.Wed. Res. 1 (Sunley)
26/07/91	Sheff.Wed.Res. 2	Hallam 0
20/07/92	Sheff.Wed. Juniors 0	Hallam 1 (Kay)
20/07/93	Sheff.Wed. Res. 3 (B.Linighan, Jones, Holmes)	
	Hallam 2 (Tesh, Coe)	
31/07/95	Sheff.Wed.Res. 1 (Bailey)	Hallam 1 (Hudson)

1997-98

COMPLETE FIXTURE LIST (home games in outline)

Date	Comp.	Opponents	Score	Date	Comp.	Opponents	Score
25/08	Lge.	Thackley	0-2	28/03	Lge.	Hucknall T.	0-1
30/08	Lge.	N.Ferriby	0-5	01/04	Lge.	Donaby	3-4
03/09	Lge.	Brigg	2-5	13/04	Lge.	Pickering	2-0
09/09	Lge.	Ossett Albion	0-0	18/04	Lge.	Armthorpe	0-0
13/09	Lge.	Curzon	1-1	22/04	Lge.	Thackley	3-1
17/09	Lge.	Sheffield	0-2	27/04	Lge.	Arnold T.	1-1
20/09	Lge.	Hatfield	3-1				
24/09	Lge.	Ossett Alb.	0-5				
27/09	Lge.	Glasshoughton	2-4				
01/10	Lge.	Maltby	1-2				
04/10	FAV	Skelmersdale	2-4				
07/10	Pres.	Blidworth	5-1				
11/10	Lge.	Eccleshill U.	2-1				
18/10	Lge.	Liversedge	2-0				
22/10	Lge.	Ossett Town	2-1				
25/10	Lge.	Hucknall T.	0-1				
29/10	Pres.	Arnold Town	4-5				
01/11	Lge.	Pickering Town	0-5				
08/11	SSC	Sheff.Lane Top	0-2				
15/11	LC	Hall Road R.	1-3				
22/11	Lge.	Selby Town	2-3				
29/11	Lge.	Armthorpe	0-3				
06/12	Lge.	Pontefract	2-2				
13/12	Lge.	Maltby	2-0				
20/12	Lge.	Sheffield	5-1				
10/01	Lge.	Selby Town	1-3				
24/01	Lge.	Pontefract	3-2				
31/01	Lge.	Curzon	1-1				
07/02	Lge.	Hatfield Main	3-1				
10/02	Lge.	Arnold Town	1-1				
14/02	Lge.	Glasshought'n	0-1				
21/02	Lge.	Ossett Town	2-6				
28/02	Lge.	Eccleshill U.	2-4				
04/03	Lge.	Brigg Town	1-1				
14/03	Lge.	Denaby United	1-4				
18/03	Lge.	North Ferriby	1-1				
21/03	Lge.	Liversedge	1-1				

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NORTHERN COS. EAST LGE.

PREMIER DIVISION

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
01 Hucknall	38	26	08	04	90	34	86
02 N.Ferriby	38	25	06	07	89	37	81
03 Ossett Alb.	38	21	11	06	59	25	74
04 Brigg T	38	20	10	06	76	40	70
05 Glass'tn	38	17	09	12	66	64	60
06 Maltby	38	17	08	13	51	40	59
07 Ossett T.	38	17	07	14	67	53	58
08 Eccleshill	38	16	09	13	64	58	57
09 Armthorpe	38	16	08	14	60	44	56
10 Selby	38	15	06	17	60	75	51
11 Thackley	38	12	12	14	48	55	48
12 Denaby	38	14	06	18	55	68	48
13 Pontefract	38	13	09	16	60	76	48
14 Arnold T	38	10	16	12	55	52	46
15 Sheffield	38	13	07	18	62	72	46
16 Pickering	38	12	08	18	56	68	44
17 HALLAM	38	10	10	18	52	77	40
18 Liversedge	38	07	09	22	41	88	30

19 Curzon 38 07 08 23 42 75 29
 20 Hatfield Mn. 38 06 05 27 46 98 23
 ☒ Champions Hucknall Town are promoted to the Unibond Lge with Buxton relegated to replace them. Both Garforth Town and Staveley are promoted into the Premier.